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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AUGUST 30

1. THE LUANDA PRESS CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF A CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MPLA AND UNITA AFTER NEGOTIATIONS IN LISBON. ACCORDING TO THE STORIES, THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND AN EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER CONFIRMED THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED, BUT, HE CAUTIONED, THE REAL TEST IS YET TO COME. CAN THAT AGREEMENT BE TRANSLATED INTO REALITY HERE IN ANGOLA?

2. MPLA HAS REPORTED SERIOUS FIGHTING BETWEEN ITS FORCES AND THOSE OF SOUTH AFRICA AT N'GIV (PEREIRA D'ECA). ACCORDING TO MPLA, 800 SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ATTACKED THE TOWN USING HELICOPTERS, ARMORED  
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CARS AND TEAR GAS. THE MPLA WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW, AFTER WHICH

THE SOUTH AFRICANS SACKED THE TOWN AND DESTROYED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS. THE POPULACE FLED TO LUBANGO. ACCORDING TO MPLA THE TOWN OF ROCADAS WAS ALSO SUBJECT TO AN ATTACK BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS. THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD ME HE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT DESCRIBED BY THE MPLA. STILL, HE ADMITS THERE SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUS INCIDENTS AND HE IS TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED. PUBLICLY, HE SAID ONLY THAT SERIOUS INCIDENTS WITH POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS HAD OCCURRED AND THAT THE PORTUGUESE WERE INVESTIGATING.

3. MPLA CLAIMS THAT UNITA AND FNLA CONTINUE TO VIOLATE THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE LATTER ARE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PROVINCE OF HUILA. MPLA SAYS IT NOW CONTROLS ALL OF THE PROVINCE OF LUANDA AND THAT THE SITUATION IN MOXICO IS CALM. NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS OF SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF KATANGAN EX-GENDARMES IN THE CENTER OF LUSO, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF UNDISCIPLINED UNITA TROOPS AROUND THE CITY. THE PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES DENY THAT KATANGUESE HAVE BEEN UTILIZED BY THE MPLA.

4. IN MOCAMEDES, THE MPLA REPORTS THAT FNLA TROOPS FROM THE SAO NICOLAU PRISON HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN TO THE PORTUGUESE.

5. THE PORTUGUESE REPORT THEY HAD PLANNED TO SEND A TRAIN EAST OF SA DA BANDEIRA TO BRING OUT THE INHABITANTS OF SEVERAL TOWNS, BUT THAT THE RAILROAD HAS BEEN CUT BETWEEN MATALA AND JAMBA.

6. THE PORTUGUESE REPORT FIGHTING ON AUGUST 29 IN THE AREA BETWEEN PORTO QUIPIRE AND QUIFANGONDO. THE MPLA MADE NO MENTION OF ANY SUCH ACTION.

7. ON AUGUST 29 THE PRESS CARRIED THE NEWS THAT THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SUSPEND THE ALVOR AGREEMENT AND TO CONCENTRATE POWER IN THE HANDS OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE MPLA DENOUNCED THE ACTION AND SAID THAT AS THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES THE POLITICAL SITUATION BECOMES MORE CLEAR AND IT IS NOW QUITE APPARENT WHO ARE THE FRIENDS OF MPLA. FNLA AND UNITA HAVE DROPPED THEIR MASKS. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS TAKEN AMBIGUOUS AND HESITANT DECISIONS IN THE FACE OF MPLA'S STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM HAS NOW SHOWN ITS UTTER INCAPACITY OBJECTIVELY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANALYZE THE ANGOLAN POLITICAL PROCESS OR EVEN THE DYNAMIC OF THE PORTUGUESE PROCESS. THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOWED THE INVASION OF SOUTHERN ANGOLA BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND HAS PERMITTED THE SUCCESSION OF NORTHERN ANGOLA UNDER THE DOMINATION OF FNLA, AND HAS THUS VIOLATED ARTICLE 13 OF THE ALVOR AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH PORTUGAL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANGOLA. MPLA HAS NEVER BROKEN THE ALVOR AGREEMENT, AS THE PORTUGUESE ALLEGE, AND IT REJECTS THE STATEMENT

IN THE JUST ISSUED DECREE GIVING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALL POWER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE "MOVEMENTS ARE INCAPABLE OF OVERCOMING THEIR DIFFERENCES IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST". MPLA REJECTS THE PATERNALISM EVIDENCED BY THAT STATEMENT. THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE WILL NOT ABDICATE THEIR FIGHTS AND WILL NOT HESITATE TO DEFEND THEM BY FORCE OF ARMS.

8. SENATOR CLARK ARRIVED IN LUANDA THE EVENING OF AUGUST 28 AND ON THE FOLLOWING DAY TALKED WITH THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER, MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND THE METHODIST BISHOP. THE SHORT VISIT WENT WELL AND THE SENATOR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT HAVING MET WITH ALL THREE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT PRESIDENTS.

9. THE PRESS REPORTED FRANCE'S DECISION TO SEND IN DAILY FLIGHTS TO TAKE OUT REFUGEES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1.

10. THE NEW BISHOP OF MALANJE, ALEXANDRE NASCIMENTO, WILL BE CONSECATED ON AUGUST 31, AS WILL THE BISHOP OF THE NEWLY CREATED DIOCESES OF NOVO REDONDO, ZACARIA CAMUENAE. BOTH PRELATES ARE BLACK.

11. THE CONFLICT CONTINUED IN TAAG BETWEEN THE MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES SUPPORTED BY MPLA OVER THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE AIRLINE IS TO FLY ITS ROUTES IN NORTHERN ANGOLA. THE MPLA SAYS NO AND THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL. THE CAPTURE BY THE FNLA OF A TAAG PLANE HAS GIVEN MPLA AN EDGE IN ITS ARGUMENTS FOR CANCELLATION, BUT OFFICIALS OF THE COMPANY INSIST ON REMAINING NON-POLITICAL. THE CREWS OF TAAG WENT ON STRIKE AUGUST 29 AND ALL PLANES WERE SITTING ON THE GROUND AT THE LUANDA AIRPORT AT 1500 HOURS. THE CREWS WANT TO CONTINUE FLYING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND ALSO DEMAND ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES.

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